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**State Of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Subcommittee on Public Health Dental Hygienist Regulations**

**3 Capitol Hill
Room 205
Providence, Rhode Island**

**Tuesday, May 31 2016
5 PM**

Open Session Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Maryellen Simas, RDH

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Harrigan, Chief, Center for Professional
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Patrick Quinlan, RIDA
Marie Jones Bridges, RDH
Kathleen Gazzola, RDH, CCRI
Julie Galleshaw, RDH, CCRI

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM

Discussion of Public Health Dental Hygienist Regulations

The subcommittee reviewed the revised draft of the Public Health Dental Hygienist regulations and agreed on the following changes to be brought before the Dental Board for approval June 1, 2016:

- Update the definitions of Written Consent and Direct Supervision
- Specified that Public Health Dental Hygienists would be a new license type that supersedes the Registered Dental Hygienist License
- Removed transition of care language in the event of a PHDH death due to a lack of statutory authority
- Simplified the language of the proprietary form by requiring it to be approved through the Board

- Increased the continuing education requirement for courses in public health from two to six hours.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harrigan, Chief
State of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry